

EVEN IN THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC, LOVE AND HOPE
RISE STRONGER THAN EVER.

MEET MALACHI.

He's looking out for his mom, his younger brother and sister. He worries about his dad, behind bars. Zamira longs for a cat to ease her anxiety. She's missing her parents and her best friend, Tariq. If you're hungry, go to Sal's. Mohamed is in charge of good food, good cheer, good neighbors. Sizzle. Sizzle. Boom.

HYACINTH AND ELECTRA SAY:

We have seen it all. We know we need each other to make the future possible. Especially during this weird pandemic place. Will it ever be New York City perfect again?

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